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BOXING NIGHT, DECEMBER 26.

bear, we cannot but think that there is a refinement of suffering often in colonial poverty that appeals even more pitifully for sympathy and succour. Such cases as these are within the reach of anyone in this hour who may be desirous of indulging the kindly spirit of Christmas benevolence. They are all the more pitiful as they are all the more keen, from bearing themselves in silence; and as there are individuals and societies among us who have given themselves to seeking out and providing the reality of cases of want and suffer-

Australia in regard to many matters of international and political interest. Special attention has been paid by Mr. Reeves to the subject of labour settlements and public instruction. He has also during his visit to the three colonies collected a quantity of data to assist the Government of which he is a member. In return Mr. Reeves has supplied to the Australian Governments a large amount of valuable information relative to the working of many democratic Acts passed during the recent existence of the present New Zealand Ministry.

GOVERNMENT OFFICES.—It was explained by the Premier in Parliament last week that it was not intended to proclaim Monday a public holiday, but that Civil servants who desire to observe the

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tion, there is no one that cannot and does not occasionally assist in lifting the burthen off some weaker hearts and drying away the tears from sorrowing eyes. As there is a special dispensation for the general nature of destitution and suffering in Australia, so also is there a peculiarity in our forms of charity in the mother country, as most know, that dispensation of benevolence is largely to be seen in the discharge of the social and release function. In rural parts more especially, the squire and the parson and the farmer and the gentleman, and the gentry are commonly the dispensers of good things to the humbler and dependent classes about them; and also of honour to them for the goodness of heart and character that often accompanies the act. But it is not so in the towns, where the condescension after all, and some ways the condescension does not consort with our sentiments

exhausted energy by getting leave of absence and the Government would have been obliged to make application in the usual way to their respective Ministers. In consequence of this arrangement most of the Government officials were comparatively deserted yesterday, the majority of the Government officials having obtained leave for the holiday. Most of the Ministers were also out of town, but the heads of departments took the opportunity to call today to clear off the arrears of work accumulated during the recent long sittings of Parliament.

POST OFFICE CHRISTMAS CARDS.—For some years past it has been the custom for the Postal Departments in the various colonies to interchange appropriately printed Christmas cards. The cards of the New South Wales Department are now being sent to the other colonies as have been the cards sent in previous years, but they are artistically printed and well suited to their purpose.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

THE SYDNEY MAIL.

THE LARGEST AND BEST ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY IN AUSTRALIA.

A JOURNAL OF NEWS, POLITICS, LITERATURE, SCIENCE, ART, MUSIC, AGRICULTURE, AND SPORT.

THE PRESENT WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE SYDNEY MAIL WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING AMONGST OTHER ILLUSTRATIONS:-

THE FIRST TEST CRICKET MATCH-AUSTRALIA against ENGLAND.

THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM, SYDNEY, DECEMBER.

(From Photographs specially taken for the Sydney Mail by Messrs. Kay and Co., George-street.)

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All business communications should be dressed to

of mutual kindness. Any way, it is
these colonies the gifts of charity,
from people to their fellows, from
those who are to-day in a position to
give to those who once were so, and who
may be by-and-by again enabled to do
within their part in the great Christmas festival
of loving kindness. There is a savour
of brotherliness in benevolence as it ought
to be in the colonies. In this spirit we
trust that many will bethink them of the
sentiments and the duties incidental to
the season, and help as much as may be
within their ability and sphere to make it
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year to all.

GOLD NEAR MILLPARKINA.—Warden Mailford, of Millparkina, in a report to the Mines Department, dated the 15th December, says Messrs. Smith and Co. have been working on a claim of 100 acres of land, partly washed 41 loads on the 14th December and 14oz. 7dwts. (including one piece of 24oz.). This dirt was got from different parts of the claim in the neighbourhood of the old Jubilee shaft. The wash was from 10ins. to 15in. thick, and, should it continue of an even quality, it will return the party from £2 to £2 6s per man per week clear.

NEW GOLD FIND IN THE NORTH.—The warden's clerk at Nana Creek has reported to the warden at Oatfield that another new find has been made on the 11th inst. by the Messrs. of Messrs. Bailey and Dwyer's prospecting claim. The find was on the 14th ultimo applied for by O. A. Smith and A. M. Trinech, and another application for a

THE PUBLISHED LISTINGS IN THIS PART OF THE WEEK.

THE DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED AT THE FOURTH CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT BOWEN, QUEENSLAND.

PORTRAIT OF HERWARD NEWSON, OF NEWCASTLE.

CHRISTMAS PANORAMA AT HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT."

A Page of Sketches by the Mail's Special Artist.

SHIPMENT OF CATTLE, ENGLAND BY THE STEAMER EUCALIA.

Group of Felled Angus and Durhams. Three Views of the Stalls, showing how the Cattle were accommodated.

USEFUL KENTS FOR THE FARM.

FASHIONS.

AND OTHER ILLUSTRATIONS.

THE SYDNEY MAIL.

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The Branch Office, 142 KING-STREET, receives from Elizabeth-street, is open for deposit of Advertisements and all other business from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

During the holiday time the *Sydney Morning Herald* can be posted direct from this office to any desirous of having it sent to them to any of this colony at the rate of 6d per week; or via South Australia, Queensland, New Zealand, Tasmania at 9d per week.

The Sydney Morning Herald

Even about an immemorial festival like Christmas, which traces its history much farther back than the Christian epoch, there are changing fashions through which happily we can think the kindly instincts do not obey this law of mutability. They remain; it is their expression that takes new forms. In the Northern countries, with their inclement winters, the Christmas season, in December, where shall we find the old-time observances of Misrule, Yule, and Wassail? Waits and carols themselves, and the lavish old hospitality and housewarming, are shrunken to church and

score was made on the 16th ultimo by R. Sargent and party, also one of three acres by W. Long on the 7th instants. The line of red runs as easily as possible north-east. In Anderson's ground the formation is at a depth of 4ft. sin. and 3ft. wide. The formation is judged to be granite and slate. Work is being systematically carried on, and there are three or four tons of good quartz at grass. In Sargent and party's ground two shafts have been sunk. The line of red runs in this shaft in its width. Six tons of quartz are at grass. From a plan of quartz in Sargent's claim less than half a ton in weight, an excellent prospect was obtained in the presence of the warden's clerk on being crushed and panned off. There is another claim about three miles south of Nana Creek.

T H E S Y D N E Y M A I L
SPORTING DEPARTMENT.

RELL'S LIVE IN SYDNEY is incorporated with the SYDNEY MAIL, and contains the FULLER and most RECENT SPORTING INFORMATION, and also contains MATTERS by "NEMO" and other popular contributors.

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The terrific gales which swept the coast of Great Britain, causing the loss of many have extended to Holland and Belgium. Damage has been done at Hamburg. Many

The gales in the United Kingdom were worst than have been experienced for years. wrecks occurred near Liverpool, and 40 people were drowned. Scores of chimney stacks were blown down, and many houses were killed by the falling structures.

THREE fishing boats have been wrecked on island of Lewin, one of the Hebrides or W Isles off the north-west coast of Scotland. Two persons were drowned.

It is reported that Captain Dreyfus, of the French army, who was sentenced to interned for life in a fortified place outside country for having sold plans of the Alps

Plague insances, and Christmas of our days is so far changed from the season a BLAND has described it that it is well for their peace no early English return to observe the manners of their descendants. It is not in these ancient ceremonies only that innovation has come in for the supplanting observances of to day are themselves yielding place to others. One can be well on the sunny side of this climacteric and remember when a Christmas card would have been an unheard-of greeting. Perhaps it is ten years or little more, since this fashion came in timidly and, as it were, unannounced.

Miss. Mr. W. H. J. Seo, has returned to Spring after nine weeks' absence at Wyalong, where he has been acting as warden in place of the late Mr. Baker. The new warden, Mr. Clark, of Boulderwood, has now relieved Mr. Seo. Speaking of the condition and prospects of Wyalong yesterday Mr. Clark said that the country was fair for game, and the crushings are turning out well, though the approach of the holidays will make things slack for a time. The population is now fairly steady at about 5000. Things are settling down, and very substantial buildings are being erected. The great trouble just now is the want of water. The last rains fell at Redden and Temora, but not at Wyalong. The only thing to be done is to wait till rain comes. Four sets of crushing machinery are now at

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A POLLINARIS.
"The Queen of Table Water."
"THE BEST BEVERAGE" - "Truth."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Attention is respectfully directed to the following Rules:-

No notices can be taken of anonymous communications. Whatever is intended for insertion in this paper must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. We cannot, however, be held responsible for the insertion of any article, or to insert letters duplicates of which are sent to other newspapers.

All communications intended for the news or correspondence columns should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Advertisements and communications on business should be addressed to JOHN FARWELL AND SONS.

Advertisements should reach this office not later than 4 p.m., and should be inserted in the first line under what heading they are intended to appear.

Advertisements for the sale of land, or for the purchase of Italy, has committed suicides. The population of Paris are enraged that he was committed to death.

COMMENTING upon the taxation measures recently passed by the South Australian Parliament the Times says that the adoption of taxes instead of further borrowing is a well-deserved guarantee of the improved financial management of the colony.

The coastguard saved 11 members of the crew of the barque Kirmichael, which during the heavy gale ran on the rocks off Holyhead, and the crew of the Walsby, a small schooner, were saved from the wreck of the same vessel.

The ship, the Associated Gold Mining Company, Perth, have been allotted.

The three British colonies despatched to Waziristan, in the North Siam country, to the Wazir for the attack made at the end of October on the Panjshir, have returned, having captured the capital of this tribe.

the practice overshadowed the earth. There was no kind of postman known to the civilised man or uncivilised who towards the end of December did not bear a double burden in the multitude of cards, far more various and elaborate than the simple things which had set the fashion. The great post-offices of the world had to take account of the Christmas card traffic, lest this business of a week should break down all the careful organisation that sufficed for the ordinary affairs of nations. And we who have seen the huge and topping growth of this social fashion seem also destined to behold

work, and three of your children are young doctors, including one 20-year-old. The field may be a place of permanence, and on this point the Sioux are still of the opinion he formed during his first visit. A line of reefs lately discovered in Pine Ridge, close to the surveyed town of Wyalong, appears to surpass anything yet discovered. A trial crushing of 1 ton of quartz from this locality yielded 300z. to the ton. Wyalong West, it may be explained, is the old town, where typhoid is prevalent. The surveyed town of Wyalong proper is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant, and the men hitherto worked here between the two places. The typhoid epidemic appears to be decreasing, and generally speaking, the field may be regarded as healthy.

will every care be taken to see that the publication of advertisements, the proprietors do not accept any responsibility in reference to and classification of advertisements appearing therein; and they reserve to themselves the right of withholding from publication any advertisement they may deem to be objectionable, although it may have been received in the ordinary course of business.

On the 19th instant the Japanese attacked Haiching which was defended by 10,000 Chinese. After making four assaults the Japanese were repulsed. The attack on Haiching was the fiercest that has yet occurred during the campaign.

Two artillery of the Japanese played among the Chinese, who rallied three times the Japanese infantry shot out through their ranks and killed 500 men.

The Chinese lost 200 men.

Two Chinese garrisons at Shaikwan to and killed 2000 Chinese officers and soldiers who were captured. One of the Chinese was killed when Fort Arthur was captured by the Japanese.

This death is announced of Mr. Waldorf Astor, of New York, who is the grandson of John Jacob Astor, who founded the fortune of the Astor family in America.

MAJOR-GENERAL HUTCHINSON will proceed to Hong Kong on Thursday in connection with the 10th and 11th regiments of troops who are to take place the 15th and Saturday next.

gradual decay. The shops are still gay
at Christmaside with their innumerable
trifles, the product of the talented
many artists, the resources of a
craft and delicate processes of machinery
But the mark of decadence is upon the
trade, not from the faults of production, but
from the irrevocable sentence of the public
It will yet last many years, no doubt
as fashions in dress retire to one
stage of the community after another; but
where a few years ago the sending of
Christmas cards was universal it now is
partial if not exceptional. In household
to send and to receive scores of such
cards is out of date.

OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE THOMSON, M.L.C., the vice-president of the Savings Bank of New South Wales, the members of the official staff of that institution, in token of their respect, presented him with a floral tribute, shaped like the bank's seal—viz., a hive of bees.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.—H.M.S. Penguin, from the Solomon Islands, arrived yesterday at Cairns and left for Townsville. She is due here at the end of the year. It is intended to despatch the Comus homeward on Thursday or Friday. The Comet is due on Sunday.

WILLS OF THE WEEK.—Stamp duty has been paid upon the following estates during the week which ended on the 22nd instant:

Annandale, £885; W. Eassey, Sharnbrook, \$76;
<i>Signed by Messrs. Smeaton & Co., Solicitors-General.</i>

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In some degree this dwindling of a pleasant custom is to be deplored. We must not forget either in this or any like connection that whatever interests and pleasures the community tends in the measure of its interest and pleasure to be also a great industry. This card trade is much more so the point as an instance. Let anyone, if he cares, think of the hundreds of artists, men and women, sometimes children, whose graceful fancy and skillful hands are stimulated by prizes or regular employment, are all year through occupied in a designing these cheap cards, of

2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000, 10100, 10200, 10300, 10400, 10500, 10600, 10700, 10800, 10900, 11000, 11100, 11200, 11300, 11400, 11500, 11600, 11700, 11800, 11900, 12000, 12100, 12200, 12300, 12400, 12500, 12600, 12700, 12800, 12900, 13000, 13100, 13200, 13300, 13400, 13500, 13600, 13700, 13800, 13900, 14000, 14100, 14200, 14300, 14400, 14500, 14600, 14700, 14800, 14900, 15000, 15100, 15200, 15300, 15400, 15500, 15600, 15700, 15800, 15900, 16000, 16100, 16200, 16300, 16400, 16500, 16600, 16700, 16800, 16900, 17000, 17100, 17200, 17300, 17400, 17500, 17600, 17700, 17800, 17900, 18000, 18100, 18200, 18300, 18400, 18500, 18600, 18700, 18800, 18900, 19000, 19100, 19200, 19300, 19400, 19500, 19600, 19700, 19800, 19900, 20000, 20100, 20200, 20300, 20400, 20500, 20600, 20700, 20800, 20900, 21000, 21100, 21200, 21300, 21400, 21500, 21600, 21700, 21800, 21900, 22000, 22100, 22200, 22300, 22400, 22500, 22600, 22700, 22800, 22900, 23000, 23100, 23200, 23300, 23400, 23500, 23600, 23700, 23800, 23900, 24000, 24100, 24200, 24300, 24400, 24500, 24600, 24700, 24800, 24900, 25000, 25100, 25200, 25300, 25400, 25500, 25600, 25700, 25800, 25900, 26000, 26100, 26200, 26300, 26400, 26500, 26600, 26700, 26800, 26900, 27000, 27100, 27200, 27300, 27400, 27500, 27600, 27700, 27800, 27900, 28000, 28100, 28200, 28300, 28400, 28500, 28600, 28700, 28800, 28900, 29000, 29100, 29200, 29300, 29400, 29500, 29600, 29700, 29800, 29900, 30000, 30100, 30200, 30300, 30400, 30500, 30600, 30700, 30800, 30900, 31000, 31100, 31200, 31300, 31400, 31500, 31600, 31700, 31800, 31900, 32000, 32100, 32200, 32300, 32400, 32500, 32600, 32700, 32800, 32900, 33000, 33100, 33200, 33300, 33400, 33500, 33600, 33700, 33800, 33900, 34000, 34100, 34200, 34300, 34400, 34500, 34600, 34700, 34800, 34900, 35000, 35100, 35200, 35300, 35400, 35500, 35600, 35700, 35800, 35900, 36000, 36100, 36200, 36300, 36400, 36500, 36600, 36700, 36800, 36900, 37000, 37100, 37200, 37300, 37400, 37500, 37600, 37700, 37800, 37900, 38000, 38100, 38200, 38300, 38400, 38500, 38600, 38700, 38800, 38900, 39000, 39100, 39200, 39300, 39400, 39500, 39600, 39700, 39800, 39900, 40000, 40100, 40200, 40300, 40400, 40500, 40600, 40700, 40800, 40900, 41000, 41100, 41200, 41300, 41400, 41500, 41600, 41700, 41800, 41900, 42000, 42100, 42200, 42300, 42400, 42500, 42600, 42700, 42800, 42900, 43000, 43100, 43200, 43300, 43400, 43500, 43600, 43700, 43800, 43900, 44000, 44100, 44200, 44300, 44400, 44500, 44600, 44700, 44800, 44900, 45000, 45100, 45200, 45300, 45400, 45500, 45600, 45700, 45800, 45900, 46000, 46100, 46200, 46300, 46400, 46500, 46600, 46700, 46800, 46900, 47000, 47100, 47200, 47300, 47400, 47500, 47600, 47700, 47800, 47900, 48000, 48100, 48200, 48300, 48400, 48500, 48600, 48700, 48800, 48900, 49000, 49100, 49200, 49300, 49400, 49500, 49600, 49700, 49800, 49900, 50000, 50100, 50200, 50300, 50400, 50500, 50600, 50700, 50800, 50900, 51000, 51100, 51200, 51300, 51400, 51500, 51600, 51700, 51800, 51900, 52000, 52100, 52200, 52300, 52400, 52500, 52600, 52700, 52800, 52900, 53000, 53100, 53200, 53300, 53400, 53500, 53600, 53700, 53800, 53900, 54000, 54100, 54200, 54300, 54400, 54500, 54600, 54700, 54800, 54900, 55000, 55100, 55200, 55300, 55400, 55500, 55600, 55700, 55800, 55900, 56000, 56100, 56200, 56300, 56400, 56500, 56600, 56700, 56800, 56900, 57000, 57100, 57200, 57300, 57400, 57500, 57600, 57700, 57800, 57900, 58000, 58100, 58200, 58300, 58400, 58500, 58600, 58700, 58800, 58900, 59000, 59100, 59200, 59300, 59400, 59500, 59600, 59700, 59800, 59900, 60000, 60100, 60200, 60300, 60400, 60500, 60600, 60700, 60800, 60900, 61000, 61100, 61200, 61300, 61400, 61500, 61600, 61700, 61800, 61900, 62000, 62100,

Wanted	6	To Let, House, &c.	2
Lost and Found	1	Wanted to Purchase	2
Machinery	3		

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One watchman fired a revolver over the heads of the men and within 12 paces of them, when one of the fugitives turned round and shot the watchman with a revolver through the thigh.

The A. A. Company's Seepit miners have been

which a package may be purchased by a shilling. Add the hundreds more of artisans who provide the material and carry out the processes of manufacture, or the other hundreds that complete the goods, that pack them, sell them, and deliver them all over the world in sum, we think of the many thousands that harmlessly earn their daily bread by this business, and look more regretfully on the decline in population and demand which involves all these artists and craftsmen. The reasons which have made for the great growth of card sending are still at work. The special demand has

Thubborn, Wandaabager, 4215; E. Heston, Sydney, 49005; P. M'Grath, Willemia, 484; K. W. Brewer, North Sydney, 2305; J. Gommelwood, Parramatta, 41490; H. Read, Gendern, 44725. The total amount of duty collected was £1473 12s.

PROSECUTIONS FOR WORKING ON SUNDAY—Recently four men engaged in work on *Sunday* between Heathwood and Nelligen were each fined 20s and costs at the local police court under the Act of Charles II. for working at their occupation on Sunday. It appears that for some years past the carriers have been in the habit of loading at Nelligen on Saturday afternoon and travelling on Sunday in order to reach Heathwood on Monday. The attention of the Attorney-General has been directed to the matter, and he is

likely to go on wanting as Christmas comes round is some form of reminder—convenient, suitable to the receiver and to him who gives, and not too costly for the pockets that must respond to many demands. The card was almost an ideal answer to this need. Men are seldom fond of letter writing, but even if they are, the task of a man with an ordinary circle of relatives and acquaintances in communicating to them all at Christmas might give him pause. A card, then, was the very thing, and no sooner was this acknowledged than the supply met every need. No one and

of opinion that the prosecution has been slow and unadvised. He paid a visit to the Inspector-General of Police about it yesterday, and his opinion will probably be that an inquiry should be held into the case. It is believed that his Excellency the Governor will be recommended to remit the fines.

HELPS TO THE POOR.—Provisions and clothing were distributed yesterday at St. Vincent's Convent to about 250 poor families. One of the large rooms of the convent had been placed at the disposal of the distributors by the Sisters of Charity, and in this were crowded all sorts of food—meat, groceries, and fruit—and there were also full racks of clothes for men, women, and children. The applicants for relief, as they came, were given sufficient to make comfortable Christmas—whether

condition in life but was furnished with something, the exact cost of which was easily variable, and would be suitable in any circumstances. And further, the immense demand while it increased the beauty of the product cheapened its cost. Why does the card seem to lose ground when so many conditions make it acceptable? That is hard to answer, for it is impossible to argue with a fashion. But it may be thought that the reign of the card would have been longer if it had lent itself to some purpose further than that of greeting the season over, a heap of cards is rather an embarrassment. This defect is apparent

any clothing was required either for themselves or their families. Truly in the morning the Rev. Dr. O'Hanlon and Missignor O'Brien, together with Mr. Charles O'Neil, attended and expounded themselves as being highly pleased with the charitable efforts of the ladies who had arranged the matter. Among those who assisted in the distribution were Mrs. T. M. Slattery, Mrs. O'Connor, Miss Jarrett, Miss N'Ginn, Miss Long, the Misses Slattery (2), and the Misses of the convent. The task of collecting for St. Vincent's was undertaken by the members of St. Vincent's Society for the poor, of which Mrs. Slattery is the president, and the members of which are all scholars of St. Vincent's College.

DEATH IN A CONVENT.—On Sunday State of the Convent of Mount St.

to the trade, for by mechanical cards, calendars, or careful copies of pictures, it is now sought to give the present a lease of life beyond the Christmas week. Other people content themselves with an engraved plate as simple as a visiting card.

But after all, as has been said, the spirit of Christmas remains, and giving is

THE HARBOR DISASTER.—Yesterday morning the captain of the steamer Admiral, while returning from Manly, noticed the body of a child floating off Chowder Bay. He informed the water police, who were close by in a boat, and they recovered the body. It was taken to the

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